

Sustainability: Faith and Action Working Group
2011 October 21
Cenacle, Chicago, Illinois
Roy C. Treadway and Dick Grossman, Conveners

Present: Ria Collee, Louis Cox, John Fletcher, Marshall Gibson, Dick Grossman, Julia Issacs, George Hagen, Geeta McGahey, Amanda Savage, Tom Small, Rick Todd, Roy Treadway, Alice Wald

Others interested but not present: Stan Becker, John Hackman, Nancy Halliday, Ken Lawrence, Judy Lumb, Donn Kesselheim, Tracey McCowan, Bob McGahey, Roy Taylor, Noel Pavlovic.

Thirteen persons met to consider the future of the Sustainability: Faith and Action Working Group and to seek a clerk for the year ahead. At the beginning of the meeting, each person shared his or her interest and involvement in sustainability concerns, ranging from population to energy, local food, native plants, climate change, soils, agriculture, and public policy; many participated in Transition Towns. Altogether we were involved in a wide variety of activities and interests.

Given each person's involvement locally and personally in sustainability, no one was ready to take on the responsibility of being the clerk of the working group. **All, however, wished for the working group to continue as a source of ideas and inspiration when they come to QEW meetings (since, in part, each of the other working groups has a specific focus) and as a way of sharing together.** We felt we needed support in our work for the environment, both spiritually and substantively with ideas.

Once his responsibilities as Recording Clerk is completed, Roy Treadway expressed willingness to convene those interested in Population to help with the revision of the population pamphlets and the combined population document that Louis is working on and the Men For Men project.

Given the undefined nature of our working group, the S:F&AWG was not ready to adopt any priority.

With this report, Roy Treadway will send an email to all persons attending this meeting and others previously interested in the Sustainability: Faith and Action Working Group (with all their email addresses for whom we have email addresses)), inviting them to continue sharing between and at QEW meetings.